

**ROAD & BRIDGES COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2021 1:00 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Rick Ash; Justice Michael White; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Collector Susan Short; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Marcus McClain.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Rick Ash. Meeting turned over to Judge Nelson. Concerns from Justice Cullom. Resolution for Jimmy Hart Highway was mailed to ARDOT. District engineer had been contacted twice and could not confirm the paperwork had been received. Request was made to send the information to him. Traditionally it took months to a year to get a highway approved for a name change. Time taken to do requests reflected on the Judge and the Quorum Court.

2. County Road 1064 widened November 10th. Road off Hwy. 61 was private in spots and County Road in others. Road was 16 foot further down. Justice Cullom stated a farmer and dirt hauler told him they could make the turn.

3. Road in Birdsong received gravel on November 21st. 25 loads of slag were taken.

4. Road department had applied 1,120 loads of red clay gravel, 150 loads short of the goal. 1,890 loads of slag had been applied. 12.4 miles of ditches had been cleaned. Replaced 27 culverts. 100 truck loads of dirt transported to the landfill which was donated. 100 truck loads of dirt would be delivered also donated. Demolished 2 county bridges. Replaced one with two 11 foot diameter rail cars. Two more to be demolished.

5. Road department built two pieces of de-icing equipment that would put salt into water to keep in suspension and another that would apply the solution. Two more would be made. Cities were contacted if they would like to have the equipment.

6. Justice Ash asked about bike trail paths and signage. Most are along State Highways. State would be responsible for putting up the signs. Judge Nelsons office had been working on getting the bike trail along the Mississippi River. Infrastructure needed to be put in place. \$400,000.00. Office of Outdoor Recreation may help with costs.

7. Bridge Status. County was working on 23 bridges. 5 owners surround a bridge where an easement was needed. Two had not signed. COVID stopped visits from ARDOT. State was doing the work. \$1 million dollar project. Some from State Aid and some County General. County was responsible for relocating utilities. ARDOT scheduled to look at project and might not have to relocate utilities. Bridge on west side of Dell would not be replaced. Overpass in Bassett in bad shape. State Highway 181. Monte Hodges and ARDOT were contacted.

8. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George